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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph in the specification beginning at page 3, line 1 as follows:

~~As defined in the measure of the dependent claim 2~~ In one embodiment of the invention, at least one of the activation commands is used to determine the language of interaction, in addition to the conventional function of activating voice control of a device. Normally, voice control only becomes active after the user has spoken an activation command. This reduces the chance that a normal conversation, which may include valid voice commands, inadvertently results in controlling the device. After activation, the speech recognizer may be active until it becomes idle again, for instance following a deactivation command or after a period of no input of voice commands. As long as the recognizer is idle, it recognizes only voice commands from a limited set of activation commands. This set may contain several activation commands for activating control of the same device but being associated with respective different languages. For instance, an activation command could be 'television', associated with English, whereas a second allowed activation command is 'televisie', associated with Dutch. While the speech recognizer is active, it is able to recognize commands from a, usually

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substantially larger, set different from the set of activation commands.

Please amend the paragraph in the specification beginning at page 3, line 16 as follows:

~~As defined in the measure of the dependent claim 3, this latter~~ The set is of activation commands may be selected in dependence on the language attribute. As such, the language attribute also influences the speech interaction, instead of or in addition to possible visually displayed texts or audible feedback. It will be appreciated that a language specific set of commands may also include some commands from a different language. For instance, the Dutch set of commands for controlling a CD player may include the English command 'play'.

Please amend the paragraph in the specification beginning at page 3, line 22 as follows:

~~As defined in the measure of claim 4, preferably~~ In one preferred embodiment of the invention, the activation command itself is in the language according to which the language attribute will be set. This allows very intuitive change of setting of the language attribute. It will be appreciated that

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the setting of a language attribute may be kept also after the speech recognizer has become idle. The attribute can then still determine the interaction for other aspects ~~then~~ than the voice commands. It may also be used to provide feedback in that language if voice input is detected at a later moment but not properly recognized.

Please amend the paragraph in the specification beginning at page 4, line 3 as follows:

~~As defined in the measure of the dependent claim 5, it~~ It is preferred to allow personalized names as activation commands having the second function as described above.

Please amend the paragraph in the specification beginning at page 8, line 16 as follows:

Via bus connections 8 and 9 such as I²C bus connections, specified in "I²C bus specification", version 2.1, January 2000, Philips Semiconductors, the speech recognition engine 4 and the memory [[9]] 7 are connected with a control processor 10 controlling all operations and functions of the system.